

MINUTES
FOR THE MEETING OF THE
COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

DATE: November 19, 2003
TIME: 9:00 am
PLACE: DLNR Board Room
Kalanimoku Bldg.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Peter T. Young called the meeting of the Commission on Water Resource Management to order at 9:02 A.M.

B. ROLL CALL

The following were in attendance:

MEMBERS: Mr. Peter T. Young, Ms. Meredith Ching, Mr. Clayton Dela Cruz, Ms. Stephanie Whalen, Mr. James Frazier

STAFF: Ernie Lau, Roy Hardy, David Higa, Faith Ching, Dean Uyeno and Charley Ice

EXCUSED: Dr. Chiyome Fukino

COUNSEL: Yvonne Izu

OTHERS: Rosemary Liu, Jeff Argor, Glenn Oyama and Lloyd Lee

All written testimonies submitted at the meeting are filed in the Commission office and are available for review by interested parties.

C. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

No recommended change at this time unless there is a request by the Commissioners.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 16, 2003:

Commissioner Frazier moved to approve the minutes, Commissioner Ching seconded the motion.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

September 17, 2003:

Commissioner Dela Cruz moved to accept the minutes and Commissioner Ching seconded. However, Commissioner Dela Cruz withdrew his motion, as he was not present at the September 17, 2003 meeting. Motion withdrawn without any objection, Commissioner Ching moved for approval, Commissioner Frazier seconded.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

October 29, 2003:

Recommended changes for the October 29, 2003 meeting minutes were distributed. Commissioner Dela Cruz moved to accept the amended minutes, Commissioner Whalen seconded.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED AS AMENDED

E. CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

F. OLD BUSINESS

None

G. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Application for a Stream Channel Alteration Permit (SCAP-MA-362), County of Maui, Department of Public Works, Replacement of Waiohonu Bridge, Hana, Maui (TMK 1-4-012: 002, 016, 019)**

PRESENTATION OF SUBMITTAL: David Higa

Commissioner Frazier asked if the placement of the detour bridge makai of the existing bridge will affect the integrity of the streambank. Mr. Higa stated that staff had reviewed this earlier with the applicant and the bridge will go from bank to bank and not alter the channel.

Mr. Lloyd Lee, Chief Engineer, County of Maui Public Works requested that the Commission allow the County to proceed with construction and replacement of the bridge as soon as possible as this is the only road in/out of Hana. Once the temporary bridge is constructed, the old bridge will come down.

RECOMMENDATION;

The Commission approve a stream channel alteration permit for the replacement of a roadway bridge at Waiohonu Stream, Hana, Maui TMK: 1-4-12: 02, 16 and 19. The permit will be valid for two (2) years subject to standard permit conditions for stream channel alteration permits in Exhibit 5

MOTION: (Dela Cruz/Frazier)
To approve the submittal.
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

H. REPORTS

Watershed Partnerships in Hawaii Presentation by Suzanne Case, Executive Director of the Nature Conservancy of Hawaii. Ms. Case stated that there are now 9 Watershed Partnerships throughout the State, the first starting over 10 years ago in East Maui. There are over 50 members of watershed partnerships comprised of State, Federal private landowners and non-profit organizations. There is also a Statewide Watershed Alliance. These groups are voluntary organizations whose purpose is to manage our forest and watershed in the state.

A handout describing Watershed Partnerships statewide and its purpose was distributed.

Michael Buck, Administrator for DOFAW talked about Watershed Partnerships being the vehicle that will take the State to the next 100 years of Watershed Management.

I. TOPICS FOR FUTURE COMMISSION MEETINGS

For discussion in the Commission's December meeting:

Update on Iao and Waihe'e Aquifers

Report on the Ground-Water Conditions in North and South Kona and South Kohala Districts by State Geologist, Glenn Bauer.

For discussion in the Commission's January meeting:

Update and recommendations on the Waihe'e Aquifer.

Well Construction Standards

Pristine Streams

Commissioner Frazier asked about the status of Lalakea. Deputy Director Lau stated that Kamehameha Schools was doing the work and made contact with Representative Takamine.

He suggested that if we take action on the Lalakea Ditch that the meeting be held on the Big Island. We are waiting for a letter from Representative Takamine.

At 9:44 A.M. a motion was made by Commissioner Frazier to move into Executive Session, Commissioner Whalen seconded. The motion was carried, and the Commission moved to Executive Session to be briefed by Deputy Attorney General Yvonne Izu on basic water law and the Water Code.

J. NEXT COMMISSION MEETINGS

Wednesday, December 17, 2003
Tuesday, January 13, 2004.
Wednesday, February 18, 2004

K. UPCOMING EVENTS

L. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 A.M.

MOTION: (Frazier/Whalen)
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Respectfully submitted,

PAULYNE ANAKALEA
Secretary

APPROVED AS SUBMITTED:

ERNEST Y.W.LAU
Deputy Director